

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ADDENDUM

TO THE

HOUSE CALENDAR

**Text of House Concurrent
Resolutions**

of

May 6, 2021

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16

The following concurrent resolutions will be adopted automatically unless a Representative or Senator requests floor consideration before the end of Friday's legislative session. Requests for floor consideration must be communicated to the House Clerk's office or the Senate Secretary's office.

Resolutions

H.C.R. 58.

House concurrent resolution honoring Timothy Noonan for his leadership at the Vermont Labor Relations Board and in the Montpelier community

Offered by: Representatives Stevens of Waterbury, Hooper of Montpelier, and Kitzmiller of Montpelier

Whereas, for 38 years, Tim Noonan has served as the Vermont Labor Relations Board's Executive Director, managing the board's docket, advising on the drafting of case decisions, and conducting educational seminars, and

Whereas, he is the author of five successive editions of *The Evolving Vermont Labor Relations Law* and of a Vermont labor law statutory guide, and

Whereas, his colleagues regionally and nationally have selected Tim Noonan for leadership positions in their professional organizations, and

Whereas, he has coached high school cross country, has run in dozens of marathons, and serves as the Montpelier Food Pantry's president, and

Whereas, Tim Noonan is now concluding his career at the Vermont Labor Relations Board, having achieved a distinguished record, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Timothy Noonan for his leadership at the Vermont Labor Relations Board and in the Montpelier community, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Tim Noonan.

H.C.R. 59.

House concurrent resolution congratulating the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington on earning its fifth consecutive Magnet recognition despite the COVID-19 pandemic

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Achey of Middletown Springs, Bongartz of Manchester, Brownell of Pownal, Corcoran of Bennington, Durfee of Shaftsbury, Gannon of Wilmington, James of Manchester, Nigro of Bennington, Pajala of Londonderry, Sibia of Dover, Sullivan of Dorset, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) promotes high international standards of hospital nursing care, and the top hospitals are awarded Magnet recognition, and

Whereas, in 2021, the ANCC awarded the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center its fifth consecutive Magnet designation, making it one of only three New England hospitals and 28 worldwide so honored, and

Whereas, this award represents a particularly noteworthy accomplishment during the COVID-19 pandemic, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington on earning its fifth consecutive Magnet recognition despite the COVID-19 pandemic, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

H.C.R. 60.

House concurrent resolution honoring the exemplary teaching and leadership of David Estes at the School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Nigro of Bennington, and Whitman of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Campion and Sears

Whereas, after graduating in 1979 from what is now the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, David Estes became a teacher at the School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales in Bennington, and in 1988 he was appointed its principal, and

Whereas, he oversaw the addition of a preschool and the seventh- and eighth-grade classes and the opening of a new computer lab and library and has served as the school's music director, and

Whereas, David Estes is a recipient of the Spirit of Holy Cross Award, and

Whereas, he delayed his retirement to avoid a new principal starting during the COVID-19 pandemic, and during his final year as principal, students attended nearly all classes in person and not virtually, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the exemplary teaching and leadership of David Estes at the School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to David Estes and to the School of Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales.

H.C.R. 61.

House concurrent resolution recognizing the week of May 9–15, 2021 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week in Vermont

Offered by: Representative Wood of Waterbury

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, older Vermonters and individuals of any age with physical or intellectual disabilities who reside in skilled nursing facilities, residential care homes, or assisted living residences are worthy of honor and respect, and

Whereas, the dedicated staffs in Vermont's skilled nursing facilities, residential care homes, and assisted living residences have risen to the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic to care for their residents and patients, and

Whereas, skilled nursing facilities and their residents will be participating in celebratory events during National Skilled Nursing Care Week, and

Whereas, the General Assembly encourages Vermonters to join in these celebratory events to support family, friends, loved ones, and caregivers in any way possible, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly recognizes the week of May 9–15, 2021 as National Skilled Nursing Care Week in Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Health Care Association and to the Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living.

H.C.R. 62.

House concurrent resolution honoring Robert J. Gray for his outstanding contributions to American agricultural and dairy policies

Offered by: Representative Smith of New Haven

Offered by: Senator Starr

Whereas, Bob Gray graduated from Cornell University, and his multifaceted State, federal, and private sector career focused on agricultural policy, especially as related to the dairy industry and dairy cooperatives, and

Whereas, he served under former U.S. Representative Jim Jeffords as a professional staff member of the House Agriculture Committee and as the congressman's Chief of Staff, and

Whereas, his expertise was invaluable while heading the National Agricultural Land Study, serving as Director of Policy Development at the American Farmland Trust, working as an agricultural policy consultant, and being the Senior Dairy Advisor at the Northeast Dairy Farmers Cooperative, and

Whereas, Bob Gray is concluding his stellar career, having had a very positive impact on Vermont and American agriculture, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Robert J. Gray for his outstanding contributions to American agricultural and dairy policies, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bob Gray.

H.C.R. 63.

House concurrent resolution honoring former Vermont Natural Resources Board Vice Chair Martha Illick and her husband, Terrence Dinnan, of Charlotte

Offered by: Representatives Yantachka of Charlotte, Birong of Vergennes, Brumsted of Shelburne, Lanpher of Vergennes, Lippert of Hinesburg, and Webb of Shelburne

Offered by: Senators Lyons, Chittenden, McCormack, Pearson, and Ram

Whereas, Marty Illick's dedication to defending Vermont's environment was demonstrated through her service on the Charlotte Planning Commission and as Vice Chair of the Vermont Natural Resources Board, and

Whereas, as Executive Director of the Lewis Creek Association, she passionately advocated for the waterway's integrity, including collaborating with the Nature Conservancy, the Charlotte Land Trust, and other conservation organizations to preserve 123 acres of forest and farmland along Pease Brook, a tributary of Lewis Creek, and

Whereas, she assisted in the establishment of the Ahead of the Storm system that improves resiliency for handling local stormwater runoff, and

Whereas, Marty Illick's husband, Terry Dinnan, enthusiastically supported his wife's environmental efforts and on his own accord was instrumental in the establishment of the Essex Quarry Nature Park in New York State, and

Whereas, tragically, Marty Illick and Terry Dinnan died in a boating accident on Marty's beloved Lewis Creek, and their survivors include a daughter and grandson, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors former Vermont Natural Resources Board Vice Chair Martha Illick and her husband, Terrence Dinnan, of Charlotte, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the family of Marty Illick and Terry Dinnan and to the Lewis Creek Association.